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SUBJECT: INMARSAT CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION: INTERIM
ARRANGEMENTS

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1. WORKING GROUP ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS CONCLUDED
WORK FEB 20 WITH DECISION TO RECOMMEND TO PLENARY THAT
FIRST MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE BE HELD JAN 11
THROUGH L7, 1977, AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS, IF BY DEC 1,
L976, IMCO HAQ RECEIVED ADVICE FROM AT LEAST 14 GOVERN-
MENTS AS DESIGNATED ENTITIES (ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE
PURSUANT TO CRITERIA REPORTED REFTEL) OF THEIR WILLING-
NESS TO SHARE COSTS OF MEETING. COSTS OF THIS AND ANY
SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND STUDIES PURSUANT TO WORK PROGRAM
REPORTED REFTEL WILL BE SHARED EQUALLY. PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE MAY INVITE COUNCIL TO REIMBURSE PARTICIPANTS
FOR ALL OR SOME OF THESE COSTS. A GOVERNMENT AND ITS
DESIGNATED ENTITY WILL TOGETHER HAVE ONLY ONE UNWEIGHTED
VOTE.

2. WG CONSIDERED FIRST MEETING OF PREPARATORY COM-
MITTEE VERY IMPORTANT AS DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN RE-
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GARDING CONDUCT OF STUDIES DURING INTERIM PERIOD. IN

FACT IT WAS THOUGHT THAT OF THE 14 MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS MOST WOULD EVENTUALLY BE COUNCIL MEMBERS; THEREFORE THERE WOULD BE PRESUMPTION THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD GIVE CREDIBILITY TO WORK PERFORMED, ALTHOUGH IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE CAN NOT MAKE DECISIONS THAT WOULD BIND THE COUNCIL OR THE ORGANIZATION.

3. WG WILL ALSO RECOMMEND A LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES TO BE INCURRED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF \$2 MILLION FOR THE THREE YEAR PERIOD PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO FORCE OF INMARSAT AGREEMENTS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE GRATIS STUDIES AND STAFF IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE COSTS. IMCO WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE STAFF, PREMISES AND SERVICES FOR FIRST MEETING, AND PARTICIPANTS AT THAT MEETING WILL DECIDE ON SUBSEQUENT REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING NUMBER, TIMING AND LOCATION OF MEETINGS, AND STAFF NEEDS.

4. MEMBERS OF WG WILL NOTE IN THEIR REPORT TO PLENARY THAT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN NO WAY TO BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS OR DESIGNATED ENTITIES TO SHARE COSTS OF ANY MEETING OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. THE WG INTENDS THAT ONLY THE ADVICE TO IMCO DESCRIBED PARA ONE CAN ACT AS COMMITMENT WITH RESPECT TO COST SHARING.

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